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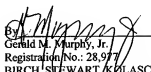
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	CA	Partial English language translation of JP-10-223742 (1998-08-21).		
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